

A MONOGRAPH OF THE AMERICAN AEGERIIDÆ (LEP.)

The Smithsonian Institution has just published as United States National Museum Bulletin 190, the late George P. Engelhardt's monograph on "The North American Clear-Wing Moths of the Family Aegeriidæ." Mr. Engelhardt, a member of the New York Entomological Society for many years, worked on this family during a good portion of his life and hoped to publish a reclassification based on structural characters coordinated with biological habits and host associations. Although he died before this could be accomplished, his manuscript was complete so far as the treatment of the genera and species was concerned. Mr. August Busck put Mr. Engelhardt's manuscript into shape for publication shortly before his own death on March 7, 1944, and we now have, for the use of all types of entomologists, a comprehensive account of a family that is of considerable economic importance.

According to Carl Heinrich, author of the "Foreword" to Mr. Engelhardt's monograph, the cost of engraving and publishing the 16 plates of colored figures, which add to the excellence and utility of the study, was borne entirely by Mr. Engelhardt's wife, Mrs. Edith F. B. Engelhardt, and his son, George Bliss Engelhardt, to whom all students of the group should be grateful.

Many entomologists will be pleased with Mr. Engelhardt's monograph, not entirely because it is a scientific contribution of merit, but because it is a fitting memorial to an entomologist and student of nature whom they liked, and admired, and whom they respected for his knowledge and ability.—Ed.